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Addendum

PROGRAMME QUESTIONS: UNITED NATIONS REFORM:
MEASURES AND PROPOSALS (item 2 (b))

PROPOSED PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE
BIENNIUM 1998-1999 (item 2 (a))

Section 6. Legal affairs

1. At its 33rd meeting, on 15 October 1997, the Committee considered section 6, Legal affairs, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 contained in document A/52/303.

Discussion

2. Several delegations queried the proposed reclassification of the post of the Assistant Secretary-General under the section. Those delegations indicated that the functions and the post of Assistant Secretary-General in the Office of Legal Affairs and the rationale for its creation were neither in the Secretary-General's initial proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 nor were they included in the report of the Secretary-General entitled "Renewing the United Nations: a programme for reform" (A/51/950) or in the letter dated 17 March 1997 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the General Assembly (A/51/829).

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